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Embassy of the United States of America
Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Excellency:

I have the honor to ask you to convey to Her Excellency
Madame President of the Argentine Nation, Mrs. María Estela
Martínez de Perón, the following message from President
Gerald R. Ford:

"Dear Madame President:

Thank you for your compassionate message of condolence
on the tragic murder of John Patrick Egan, Consular Agent
of the U.S. at Cordoba. Mr. Egan gave his life not only
in the service of the United States but also in that of
his adopted home Argentina. He was dedicated to good
relations between our two countries.

The killing of an innocent and defenseless man in
this way can only cause revulsion in the hearts of decent
and honorable men everywhere. It is my hope that his
death will not have been in vain and that his great
sacrifice will demonstrate to those who would engage
in terrorism and violence that they cannot gain their
ends by such methods.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford"

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency

Alberto J. Vignes,

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship,

Buenos Aires

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